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## MEDIA

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**BNA:** Reporter Stephan Siciliano followed up looking to speak to someone regarding the proposed Rose Canyon Aquaculture Project off San Diego with an open NPDES permit application. Sent reporter a link the public comments, but told him EPA is still reviewing these and determining next steps. We will follow up with the reporter for an interview once

those next steps have been determined. WATER. CLOSED. (v). Nahal Mogharabi.

**KQED and Fresno Bee:** Sent email pitch announcing King Co. & Leffingwell FIFRA cases. Will follow up with reporters Tuesday morning. ENF. CLOSED. (v.) Soledad Calvino.

**Radio KPFA:** Producer Michelle White is interested in doing a live interview for Spanish show *Información es Poder* (Information is Power) about the Near-Roadway Pollution Exposure announcement. Interview is scheduled for tomorrow, Tuesday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>. Audio for last Friday's interview can be found [here](#), interview start at minute 39. OPEN. AIR. (v.) Soledad Calvino.

## WEB

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### Social Media:

**Food Waste/Super Bowl** – Shared a post and photo to our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages about not wasting food that may be left over from Super Bowl parties and linked to our [Sustainable Management of Food](#) page.

### Web Updates:

**California Air Actions** – Posted a link to the Federal Register notice for the California, Approval of Department of Pesticide Regulations Air Plan Revisions to the [News and Events](#) page.

**NPDES Permits** – Posted an updated scoping comments document for the Rose Canyon Sustainable Aquaculture Project to the [NPDES Permits](#) page.

## CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

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**Rep. Xavier Becerra (D-CA-34):** Brent Maier received an inquiry from Irvin De La O, Field Deputy in the Congressman's District Office who had some questions related to Exide and lead contamination. Irvin was asked to reach out to EPA to help their office make an assessment as to the different types of lead contamination found in water and soil. They

understand that the situation in Flint, Michigan is due to the water being contaminated by lead, so they were interested in how that compares to the soil contamination in Exide's case. They want to know which one is more health hazardous and why and are interested in understanding the screening levels for lead in both water and soil and how they vary. Brent reached out to our Enforcement, Land, and Superfund Divisions and our Drinking Water Office and Dan Meer suggested that we set up a call with our toxicologist, Sophia Serda, to help answer the questions they have. We have offered availability for either Thursday or Friday of this week and are waiting to hear back from them before confirming. In addition, OCIR's Nicole Distefano asked Brent Maier to reach out to Congressman Becerra's office to see if we could set up a call with the RA and the Congressman to update him on Exide. Brent has reached out with the offer to help set up a call and they are checking with the Congressman on his interest and availability to participate in a call with the RA.

**Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA-16):** Brent Maier received an inquiry from Scott Peterson, Deputy Chief of Staff in the Congressman's DC Office regarding a news article that mentions a current enforcement matter now with the Department of Justice on a case referred by the ACOE involving John Duarte of Redding, CA and a wetlands issue. Brent reached out to Jason Brush in our Water Division and Laurie Kermish in our Office of Regional Counsel. Laurie is tracking down a contact that we can refer Scott Peterson to at the Department of Justice as our office would have no comment on this ongoing enforcement matter at this time.

**Sen. Harry Reid (D-CA):** Brent Maier received an inquiry from Ryan Mulvenon, Sr. Policy Advisor in the Senator's DC Office who wanted to know the current status of EPA's response to Governor Brian Sandoval's letter to EPA regarding the proposed listing of the Anaconda Copper Mine to the NPL. Brent returned Ryan's call and was only able to leave a voicemail that our office will be responding to the Governor's letter and that we will share a copy of our response once it is finalized.

**Rep. Joe Heck (R-NV-3):** A new incoming letter (#AL-16-000-3752) was controlled to Region IX from Congressman Joe Heck of Nevada regarding an apartment complex in the City of Henderson, NV that seeks help from the EPA in application of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) regulations. Brent Maier has controlled this letter to Corine Li our Drinking Water Program. The letter has a response due date of February 17, 2016. A copy of the incoming response is available upon request.

**Region IX Hot Issues for Western Governors' Association Meeting:** Brent Maier forwarded on a compilation of Hot Issues from our Water and Enforcement Divisions in response to an OCIR request for the WGA's February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting in which the Administrator is scheduled to appear. Arizona Governor Doug Ducey has confirmed his attendance.

**President Barack Obama:** The President is set to unveil his proposed FY17 budget tomorrow on February 9<sup>th</sup>, with debate on his EPA proposals likely to focus on funding levels for climate change programs in the wake of the Paris deal and water infrastructure following the Flint, MI, drinking water crisis. Politico reported last week that the White House is planning an \$8.27 billion request for EPA, which would be an increase from its current \$8.14 billion funding but less than its FY16 request of \$8.57 billion.

### **Legislative Action:**

**February 5, 2016 - H.R. 4470:** To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act with respect to the requirements related to lead in drinking water, and for other purposes. This bill has been added to the House's schedule for the coming week, according to the House Majority Leader. See the week ahead. Last Action: This bill was assigned to a congressional committee on February 4, 2016, which will consider it before possibly sending it on to the House or Senate as a whole.

### **This Week on Capitol Hill:**

**Wednesday, February 10, 2016 - Senate Environment & Public Works Committee -** Holding a full committee hearing February 10<sup>th</sup> to consider potential targets for the next Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), which will authorize Army Corps of Engineers projects for a fixed span and could include significant policy provisions.  
<http://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=F8A0C8CC-D434-4CE1-B135-FE27586D25B6>

**Thursday, February 11, 2016 - House Agriculture Committee -** Holding a February 11<sup>th</sup> full committee hearing on the economic impacts of EPA rules on rural communities. No witness list is available but the committee's announcement says EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy will be called on to testify, and that the committee's GOP majority will target the agency for being "oblivious" to the agriculture sector's voluntary conservation efforts in crafting rules. <http://agriculture.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=3093>

### **Upcoming Intergovernmental Meetings:**

**Tuesday, February 9, 2016 - EPA to Meet with Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District:** On Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, EPA will meet with representatives of the Elsinore

County Municipal Water District to discuss the potential for the District's proposed septic tank conversion project to qualify as a WIFIA pilot project. District officials last met with headquarters (with Region IX participating by telephone) in June 2015. Since that time, they have continued to work on the project proposal and would like to use the February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting to simply touch base on WIFIA. Board Chair Phil Williams and General Manager John Vega will represent the District. The EVMWD has over 35,000 water, wastewater and agricultural service connections. The District provides service to more than 140,000 water, wastewater and agricultural customers in a 96-square mile area in Western Riverside County. It is a sub-agency of the Western Municipal Water District, and a member agency of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Water Division's Josh Amaris and Brent Maier will participate for Region IX. OCIR Contact: M. Arnita Hannon

**Sunday, February 21, 2016 - Administrator to Host Breakfast Meeting with Western Governors' Association:** On Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, Administrator McCarthy will host the Western Governors' Association, including Governors Mead (WY), Herbert (UT), Daugaard (SD), Brown (OR), Dalrymple (ND), Bullock (MT), Hickenlooper (CO), and **Ducey (AZ)**, as well as Cabinet Secretaries Moniz (DOE), Vilsack (USDA), and Jewell (DOI) for a breakfast meeting to discuss issues of importance to the Western states. This event will be held in conjunction with the National Governors' Association Winter Meeting in Washington, DC. OCIR Contact: Becky Cook-Shyovitz